

# Biological Control of Weeds Recovery Sheet

(Please refer to the back of this sheet for instructions)



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Site name:

Date:

Occupier:

Phone:

Address:

**Ragwort  
Occupier Interview**

1) Were you the occupier when the insects were released? Yes / No

**If yes go to 2), if no go to 6)**

2) Has land management at the release site changed since the insects were released? Yes / No

If yes explain how:

3) Has ragwort at the **release site** changed since the insects were released?

More dense / Less dense / The same

4) Typically ragwort on this property is:

Absent-rare / Easy to find but not a problem / Always abundant

5) Has ragwort changed on the **whole property** since the insects were released?

More dense / Less dense / The same

**Now go to 8)**

6) How long have you been the manager of the land that includes the release site?

7) Typically ragwort on this property is:

Absent-rare / Easy to find but not a problem / Always abundant

8) What is the predominant farming type at the release site?

9) Have there been unusual events in the last 12 months that might have affected the current density of ragwort? Yes / No

If yes, please explain:

10) Do you still control ragwort at this site? Yes / No

If yes, explain why, the current control regime, and give an estimate of hours spent per year, and costs of control:

11) Have you modified your ragwort management as a result of biocontrol? Yes/No

If yes, explain how?

12) Provide 3 words that best describe your view of biological control of ragwort:

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEWING THE OCCUPIER**

Where choices are given mark the correct answer by circling, bolding or highlighting, or by deleting the other options.

Please be extremely carefully to not ask any questions in a leading manner that could affect the occupier's response! Be careful to ask the questions as worded and minimise any discussion around the responses. Supply points of clarification only.

**Site Name** – please be consistent in the use of site names to prevent confusion.

**Occupier** – the name of the current land owner/ manager. Where they are the same person as at the time of the release questions 2-5 should be completed and then questions 8-13. Where the occupier has changed questions 2-5 should be ignored.

- 2) Only prompt if absolutely necessary with some examples e.g. stocking type and pattern, grazing history, subdivision, re-sowing, changes in weed management, retired from production, etc.
- 9) Only prompt if absolutely necessary with some examples e.g. extremely dry or wet conditions, one off land management events etc.
- 10) When providing an estimate of the costs of control please include materials, equipment, application and labour costs. Please prompt them to come up with an estimate if not immediately forthcoming.